

CARR-157  
BIXLER BARN  
New Windsor  
Private

Circa 1800

Directly outside the town of New Windsor stands a farm, this particular one a beautiful piece of rural America which someday soon may become just short of extinct. The Bixler Farm, built in the late 1790's, is kept in fine condition. Save for front gable and porch, and perhaps interior stairway, the building is in original form according to its owner. The house with original wall stencil design and wonderful random width floors could easily be pronounced a museum, and immediately open to the public, but the owners desire otherwise.

The open brick-work barn is of equal interest. It remains one of a small minority in Carroll County. The interior is a massive design of random wood beams constructed rationally for functional purposes.

The two structures certainly compliment one another, and add a bit of Americana to the growing town of New Windsor.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bixler Barn

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Green Valley Road (MD 75)

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Granville Bixler

Telephone #: 635-6522

STREET &amp; NUMBER

302 High Street

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21776

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 376

Folio #: 022

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This open-work brick work barn is part of the farm owned by the same Bixler of 302 High Street. It is circa 1800. The exact date is not known or decipherable from deeds, but is surely from the same decade as the house. The uncoursed fieldstone foundation holds a brick (primary structure) and barn of wood plank (secondary structure) building. First floor (basement) windows are of plain trim, double-sash 6/6 and smaller ones are 2/2 in sets of two windows each. Most windows are built into the foundation. Side facing New Windsor has original barn siding and blind-air shutters for windows. On the first level of this side, a small rectangular addition, half brick, half concrete block has been attached to the barn. It has a shed roof with windows also. The roof is a wood structure, covered with tin strips and ends in rafters with eaves. Original hinges are used throughout; iron straps, H and HL hinges. All small minor doors are vintage board and batten. The large sliding barn door is of recent vertical boards, painted barn red.

When one thinks of a barn, immediately an image very similar to this is pictured; most surely of the interior. It is a haven for wood interior and geometrical design louver. Huge beams crisscross to support the structure and hay lofts. Floors and walls are covered with flat wood planks, the least wide is 12". Plain wooden ladders are built in to reach to loft. The interior is a pleasing network of line design for function within walls that are broken with sunlight patterns through the open-brick work.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

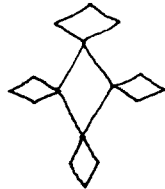
SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

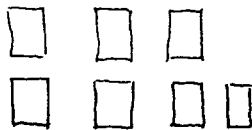
## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Because of good condition, its working function and its artistig quality, this barn deserves separate mention. Carroll County is scattered with a mixture of barn types and structures-those with open-end brick work rents being a type in the minority. There are in fact others in the county, but rarely is one seen of such caliber, which should be preserved continually in the future. The patterned brick is diamond and square on each end and double diamond on sides (partially wood on sides):

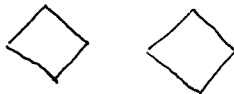
Ends:



Side



side:



Pattern is decorative and functional for ventilation. It is obvious that Pennsylvania Dutch influence, as well as individual craftsmanship. Design was employed.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

All those contiguous parts of tracts of land called "New Windsor," "The Five Daughters" and "Steven's Garden," situate lying and being in New Windsor District, Carroll County, Maryland containing 110 1/2 acres of land more or less.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

August 14, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

210 East Main Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Md. 21157

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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